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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON FRONT PAGE OF MAURITIAN INDEPENDENT DAILY L'EXPRESS OF 3 AUGUST 1976. ARTICLE REFERS TO EARLIER L'EXPRESS PIECE ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES IN MAURITIUS (SEE REFS A AND B).

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE CIA IN MAURITIUS.THE "DIPLOMATS" LEAVE. MR. VASIA GMIRKIN, AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHOM L'EXPRESS EXPOSED AS BEING THE HEAD OF THE CIA IN MAURITIUS, HAS BEEN RECALLED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE HAS LEFT MAURITIUS AND HAS BEEN REPLACED IN HIS POST AS CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES IN MAURITIUS BY MR. PHILIP RINGDAHL.

MOREOVER, MR. GEORGE HEATLEY, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WHOSE ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE WERE ALSO UNDERLINED BY L'EXPRESS AND WHO IS A SPECIALIST IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, LEFT MAURITIUS LAST SUNDAY. THE NAME OF HIS REPLACEMENT IS NOT YET KNOWN. END TEXT.

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